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1. AS EXPECTED, ROMANIAN PARTY HISTORIANS HAVE BEEN READIER THAN OTHER RCP OFFICIALS TO IMPUGN SOVIET CONCILIATORY LINE AT ECPC AND QUESTION WHETHER SOCET HEGEMONIC REFLEXES CAN BE ALTERED SIGNIFICANTLY SOON.

2. PARTY HISTORY INSTITUTE DIRECTOR ION POPESCU-PUTURI, IN CONVERSATION WITH POLITICAL COUNSELOR, WAS ALMOST IRATE OVER JULY 2 PRAVDA ECPC EDITORIAL. THUMBING WELL-UNDERLINED COPY, SOURCE NOTED THAT PRAVDA COMPLETELY DISTORTED ECPC RESULTS, IGNORED WHAT SOVIETS DIS NOT LIKE
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IN FINAL DOCUMENT NOT TO MENTION CARRILLO'S AND BERLINGUER'S

SPEECHES.

3. SOURCE SAID EDITORIAL WAS TAKEN BY RCP AS AUTHORITATIVE AND "ORIENTATIVE" VEHICLE BY WHICH THE CPSU COMMUNICATES AND IMPOSES THE "CORRECT" VIEW OF ECPC ON ITS DOMESTIC CADRES AS WELL AS FOREIGN CLIENT PARKES. IT WAS THUS SIGNIFICANT THAT DISTORTIONS INCLUDED CLAIM THAT "MANY" CP'S HAD PRAISED USSR AS "MAIN SUPPORT OF PEACE" (POPESCU-PUTURI COULD ONLY RECALL TWO OR THREE), THAT ECPC WAS SOMEHOW OUTGROWTH OR RESULT OF CPSU'S 25TH PARTY CONGRESS, THAT SOVIET-SYTL PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM WAS STILL VITAL, AND "ANTI-SOVIETISM" HAD SOMEHOW BEEN CONDEMNED. SOURCE FELT THAT SOVIETS WOULD UNQUESTIONABLY TRY TO KEEP IDEA OF "CENTER" OR SOVIET PRIMACY ALIVE EVEN IF THEY HAD TO BACKTRACT SOME FROM TRADITIONAL VERBIAGE. PRAVDA AND SUBSEQUENT COMMENTARY, HE SAID, WERE BEING CLOSELY WATCHED BY RCP, BUT IN PRACTICE, AT LEAST SO FAR, HE SAW NO BASIC CHANGE IN MOSCOW'S CENTRALIZING ORTHODOXY.

4. COMMENT. POPESCU-PUTURI AND HIS INSTITUTE ARE ONE OF RCP'S FIRMEST BASTIONS OF ANTI-HEGEMONISM AND SEEM SOMEWHAT FREER THAN RCP FRONTLINERS TO EXPRESS DEEP RCP APPREHENSION OF SOVIET BEHAVIRO AND TO DISCOUNT SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO "FALSIFY" (AS RCP SEES IT) ECPC RESULTS.
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